

System Level Analysis of Hydrogen Storage Options

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Overview

Timeline

- Project start date: Oct 2009
- Project end date: N/A
- Project continuation and direction determined annually by DOE

Budget

- FY15 DOE Funding: \$480 K
- FY16 DOE Funding: \$480 K

Barriers

- H₂ Storage Barriers Addressed:
 - A: System Weight and Volume
 - B: System Cost
 - C: Efficiency
 - E: Charging/Discharging Rates
 - J: Thermal Management
 - K: Life-Cycle Assessments

Partners/Interactions

- Storage Systems Analysis Working Group (SSAWG)
- PNNL, Tank OEMs
- Delivery Team
- Hydrogen Storage Engineering Center of Excellence (HSECoE): Ford, LANL
- Strategic Analysis



Relevance and Impact

Develop and use models to analyze the on-board and off-board performance of physical and material-based automotive hydrogen storage systems

- Conduct independent systems analysis for DOE to gauge the performance of H₂ storage systems
- Provide results to material developers for assessment against system performance targets and goals and help them focus on areas requiring improvements
- Provide inputs for independent analysis of costs of on-board systems.
- Identify interface issues and opportunities, and data needs for technology development
- Perform reverse engineering to define material properties needed to meet the system level targets

Impact of FY2016 work

- Validated and updated the 700-bar compressed hydrogen analysis for the DOE 2015 Program Record (Onboard Storage Performance and Cost)
- Investigated alternate tank designs and material approaches that can lead to 7-23% reduction in carbon fiber requirement
- Identified material attributes for hybrid cH₂-high pressure metal hydride (HPMH) tanks
- Determined HPMH capacities and kinetics for >45% reduction in CF usage



Approach

- Develop thermodynamic and kinetic models of processes in physical, complex metal hydride, sorbent, and chemical H₂ storage systems
 - Address all aspects of on-board and off-board storage targets, including capacity, charge/discharge rates, emissions, and efficiencies
 - Perform finite-element analysis of compressed hydrogen storage tanks
 - Assess improvements needed in materials properties and system configurations to achieve storage targets
- Select model fidelity to resolve system-level issues
 - On-board system, off-board spent fuel regeneration, reverse engineering
 - Conduct trade-off analyses, and provide fundamental understanding of system/material behavior
 - Calibrate, validate, and evaluate models
- Work closely with DOE technology developers, HSECoE and others in obtaining data, and provide feedback
- Participate in SSAWG meetings and communicate approach and results to foster consistency among DOE-sponsored analysis activities



Summary: FY2016 Accomplishments and Progress

1. Physical storage

- Validated ABAQUS models for tanks with low cost resin and alternate sizing (PNNL/HL) and updated DOE Program Record
- Conducted ABAQUS simulations of Mirai 60-L front ($L/D = 2.8-3.0$) and rear tanks ($L/D = 1.7$)
- Analyzed full size tanks with features of Mirai design concept to determine CF reduction opportunity

2. H₂ storage in high-pressure metal hydrides

- Identified desirable thermodynamic attributes for using HPMH in hybrid cH₂ tanks
- Determined HPMH material capacity and kinetic requirement to match performance of 700-bar cH₂ tanks in 350-bar hybrid tanks

3. H₂ storage in sorbents

- Published paper in IJHE on reverse engineering to determine material properties needed to meet system targets including well-to-tank (WTT) efficiency
- Updating the reverse engineering model with HSECoE (Ford) thermal conductivity and H₂ uptake data for pellets

4. Chemical hydrogen storage

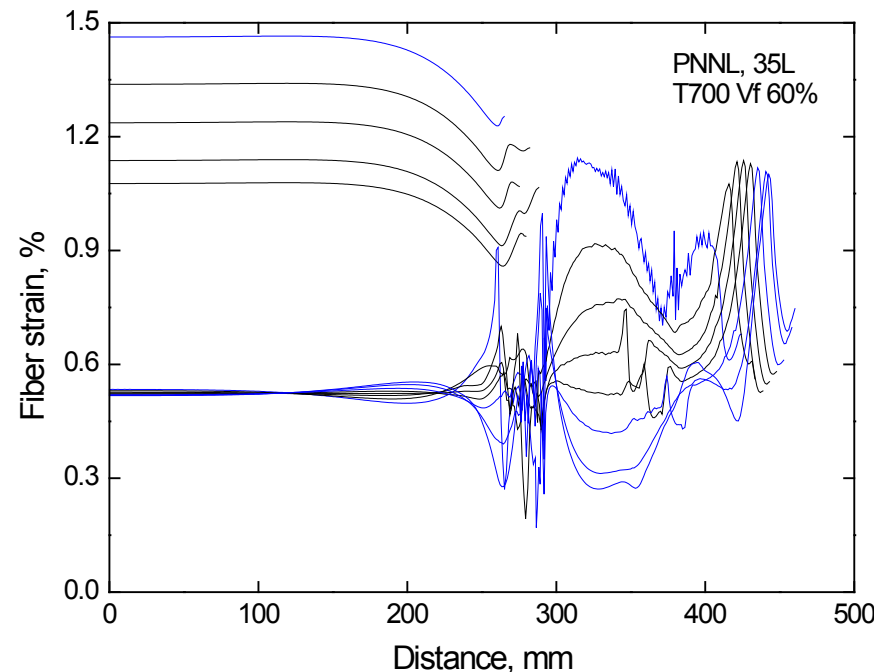
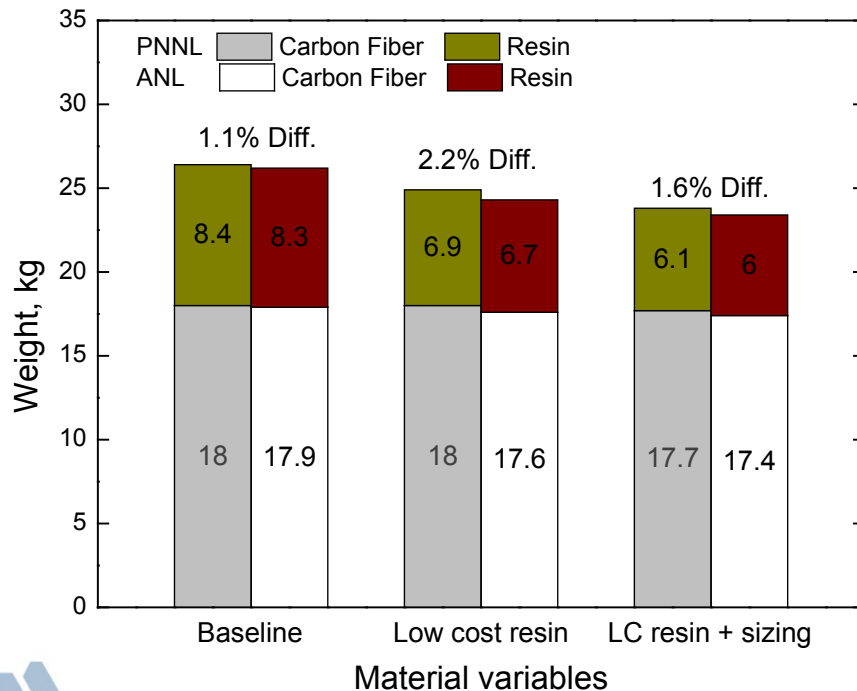
- Validate and update reactor and BOP models utilizing HSECoE data (ongoing)



Data Validated Model

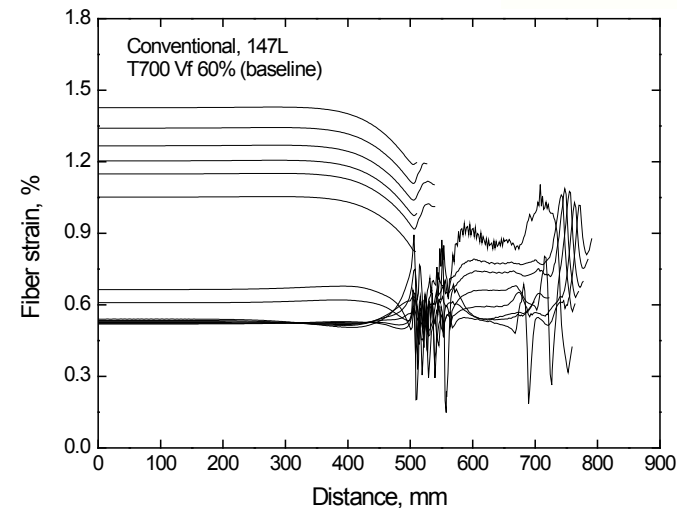
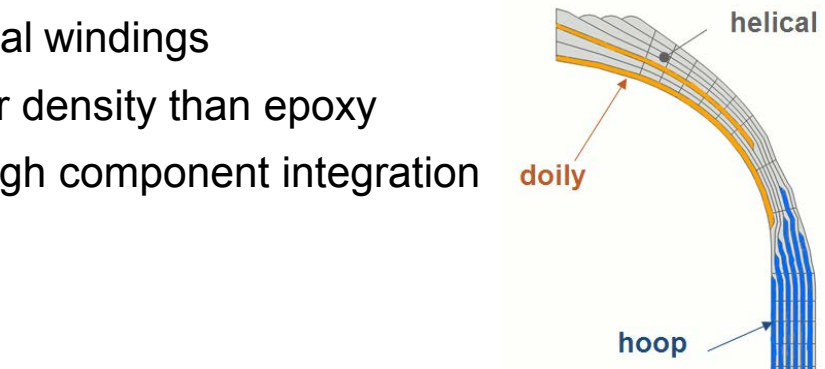
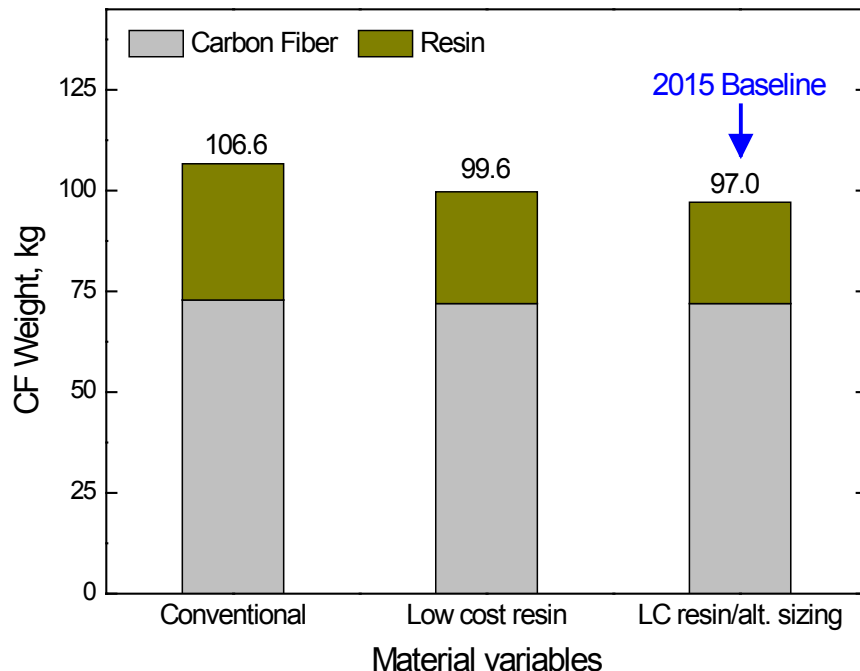
Validated ABAQUS-WCM FEA model using data for PNNL/Hexagon Lincoln burst tests on 35-L tanks*

- The highest strain occurs in the cylinder section, consistent with burst tests
- Determined the composite translation efficiency for T700/epoxy (conventional) tanks
- Applied the same translation efficiency to tanks with low cost resin and low cost resin/alternate sizing.
 - Fiber volume fraction and resin density differ from conventional tank
- FEA results show good agreement with test data



2015 DOE Onboard Storage Performance Record

- Conventional tank requires 106.6 kg CF composite. Two alternate tanks weigh less, primarily due to reduction in the weight of resin.
- The 2015 baseline tank requires 97 kg composite resulting in a system gravimetric capacity of 1.40 kWh/kg system, and volumetric capacity of 0.81 kWh/L system*. Compared to the 2013 baseline, the changes include:
 - Replacing the doilies with additional helical windings
 - Using low cost resin which also has lower density than epoxy
 - Reducing the number of BOP parts through component integration



* DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Program Record, Record # 15013, September 30, 2015.

http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/pdfs/15013_onboard_storage_performance_cost.pdf

Evaluation of Alternate Design Concepts

Conducted ABAQUS FEA simulations to evaluate “Mirai” tank concepts*

1. Alternate Liner Geometry (ALG)

- Liner with sharp transition from cylinder to dome
- Elimination of high-angle helical winding

2. Alternate Winding Scheme (AWS)

- One helical layer over the entire liner
- Concentrated hoop winding over the cylinder
- Helical winding over cylinder and dome

3. Alternate Boss Design (ABD)

- Smaller diameter boss with longer flange

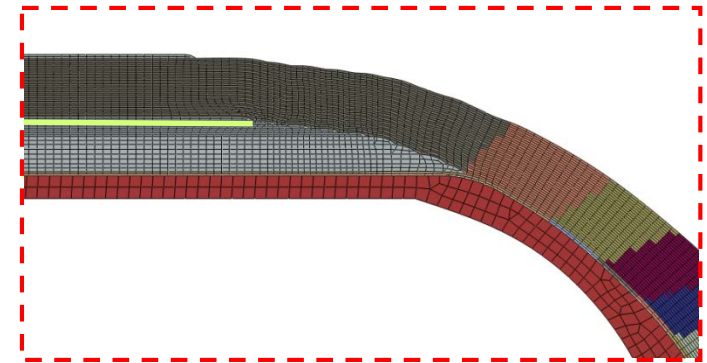
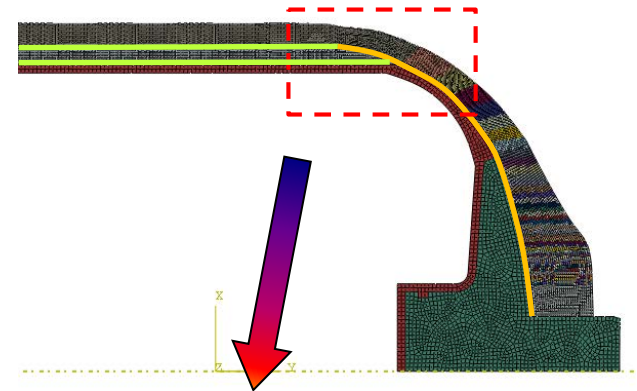
4. Alternate Carbon Fiber (ACF)

- T720 CF (higher strength than T700)

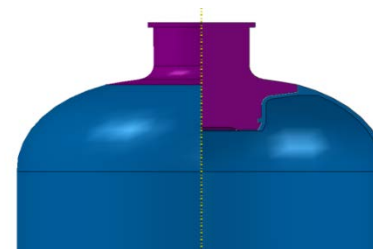
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- Yamashita, A., Kondo, M., Goto, S., and Ogami, N., "Development of High-Pressure Hydrogen Storage System for the Toyota “Mirai”," SAE Technical Paper 2015-01-1169, 2015, doi:10.4271/2015-01-1169

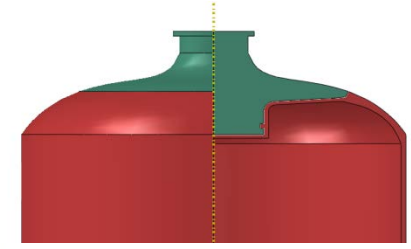
- Hirokazu Otsubo and Shiro Nishibu, US Patent US20130299505A1, November 2013



Conventional



Mirai



Evaluation of Alternate Tank Design Concepts

ABAQUS simulations of 60-L tank, L/D ~ 2.8, GF layer for impact resistance, foam

Tank	Liner	Winding	Boss	Composite	Remarks
1	CONV	CONV	CONV	T700/epoxy	Conventional tank with smooth liner, baseline winding and boss, and T700 composite
2	ALG	AWS	ABD	T700/epoxy	Alternate liner, winding and boss, T700 composite
3	ALG	AWS	ABD	T720/epoxy	Tank 2 with T720 composite
6	ALG	AWS	CONV	T700/epoxy	Tank 2 with conventional boss

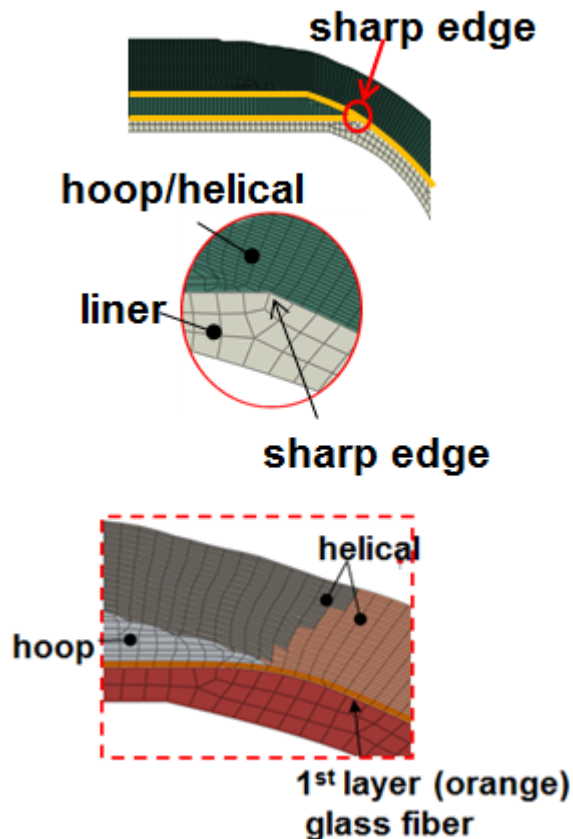
- Alternate design concepts reduce the composite weight by 7.2% (tank 2 versus tank 1)
- Alternate carbon fiber (T720) reduces the composite weight by 20.2% (tank 3 versus tank 2)
- Boss with smaller diameter and longer flange did not show noticeable effect (tank 6 vs. tank 2; ~5% reduction in amount of helical windings in SAE paper)

Tank	Composite (kg)			Others (kg)			Tank Total (kg)	Mirai Tank (kg)
	Hoop	Helical	Total	Bosses	Liner/GF/Foam	Total		
1	17.7	25.3	43.0	3.8	7.4	11.2	54.2	
2	15.2	24.7	39.9	4.8	7.4	12.2	52.1	
3	12.0	21.2	33.2	4.8	7.4	12.2	45.4	42.8

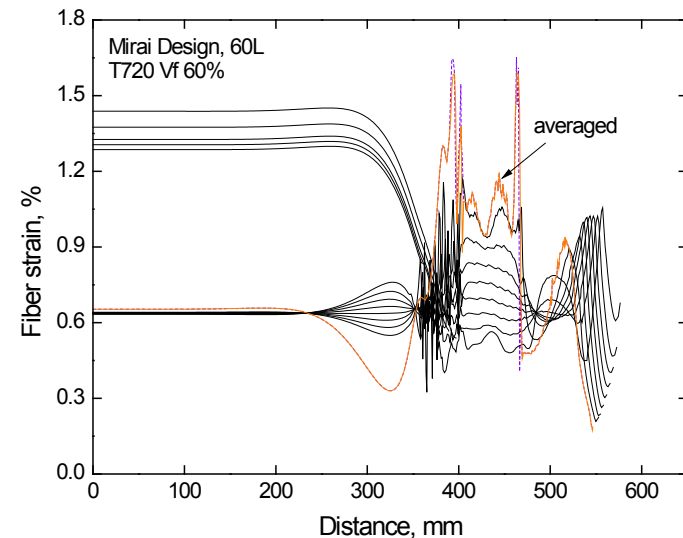
Addressing Stress Concentration at Cylinder/Dome Interface

To relax stress concentration at the cylinder/dome interface, proposed and analyzed the concept of winding the innermost helical layer with glass fiber which has higher failure strain (>3.5%) than carbon fiber (<2.0%)

- Using GF for the 1st helical layer reduces the composite weight by 2-3% and CF weight by 5-6%
- Since GF costs significantly less than CF, there is a net savings in material cost at the expense of incurring additional winding cost*

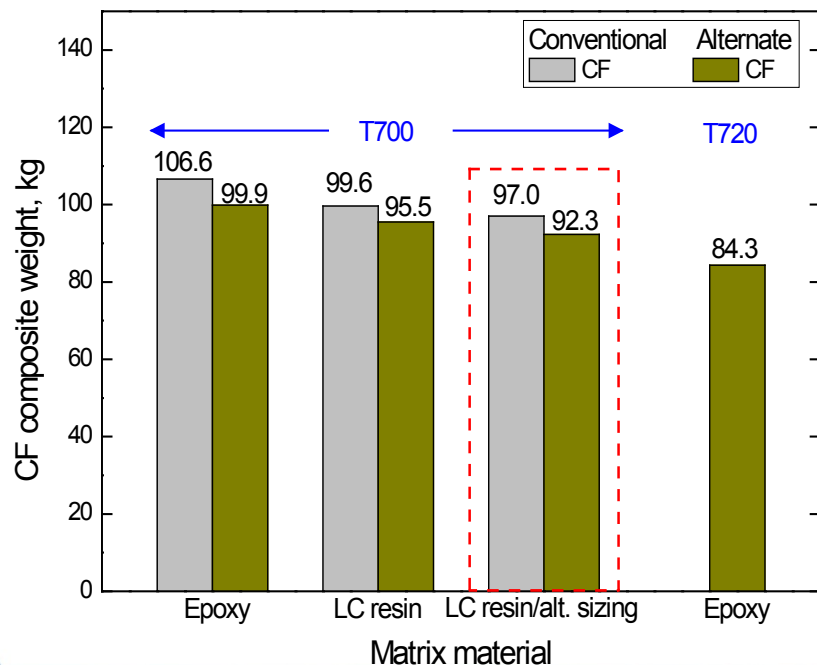


Tank	Composite Material	1 st helical layer: CF			1 st helical layer: GF			
		Hoop	Helical	Total	Hoop	Helical	CF	CF + GF
2	T700/epoxy	15.2	24.7	39.9	15.3	23.7	37.6	39.0
3	T720/epoxy	12.0	21.2	33.2	12.1	20.3	30.9	32.4
4	T700/lc resin	14.0	24.1	38.1	14.1	23.2	35.9	37.3
5	T700/lc resin, alt. sizing	13.8	23.0	36.8	14.3	22.1	35.0	36.4



Alternate Tank Designs for 5.6 kg H₂ (147 L, L/D = 3)

Tank	Liner	Winding	Boss	Composite	Remarks
7	CONV	CONV	CONV	T700/epoxy resin	Reference tank in 2015 storage performance record
7A	ALG	AWS	ABD	T700/epoxy resin	Alternate reference tank design
8	CONV	CONV	CONV	T700/low-cost resin	2015 reference tank design with low-cost resin
8A	ALG	AWS	CONV	T700/low-cost resin	Alternate tank design with low-cost resin
9	CONV	CONV	CONV	T700/low-cost resin/alternate sizing	2015 reference tank design with low-cost resin and alternate sizing
9A	ALG	AWS	ABD	T700/low-cost resin/alternate sizing	Alternate tank design with low-cost resin and alternate sizing
10A	ALG	AWS	ABD	T720/epoxy resin	Alternate tank design with T720/epoxy composite

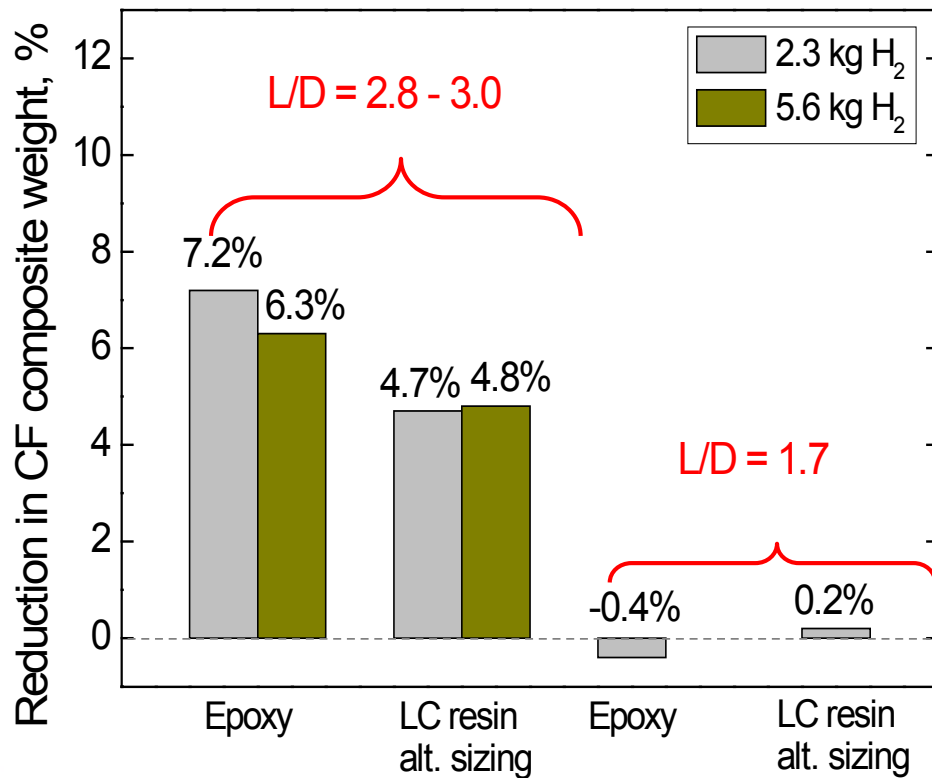


Potential CF reductions with alternate tank design and fiber

- 6.3% in tanks reinforced with T700/epoxy resin
- 4.8% in tanks reinforced with T700/low-cost resin + alternate sizing
- 21% in tanks reinforced with T720/epoxy (vs. T700/epoxy)

Effect of Tank Length-to-Diameter Ratio

- Results for the “Mirai” front tank ($L/D = 2.8$) and full sized tanks ($L/D = 3.0$) show that the alternate design concepts could reduce the CF amount by 5 to 7%. There is a larger reduction in hoop than in helical windings
- Analysis carried out for the “Mirai” rear tank ($L/D = 1.7$), however, shows practically no difference in the total amount of CF usage as compared to a conventional tank. There is a large reduction in helical winding that is offset by a larger increase in hoop winding.



ABAQUS results for 2.3-kg H₂ front ($L/D = 2.8$) and rear ($L/D = 1.7$) tanks

Front Tank (60L)	Fiber	CF Composite Weight, kg		
		Cylinder	Dome	Total
Traditional	T700	34.6	8.4	43.0
Mirai*	T700	32.7	7.2	39.9
Difference (Mirai)		-1.9	-1.2	-3.1

Rear Tank (62L)	Fiber	CF Composite Weight, kg		
		Cylinder	Dome	Total
Traditional	T700	29.52	15.34	44.86
Mirai*	T700	31.76	13.4	45.17
Difference (Mirai)		2.24	-1.94	+0.3

High Pressure/Low Enthalpy Metal Hydrides (HPMH)

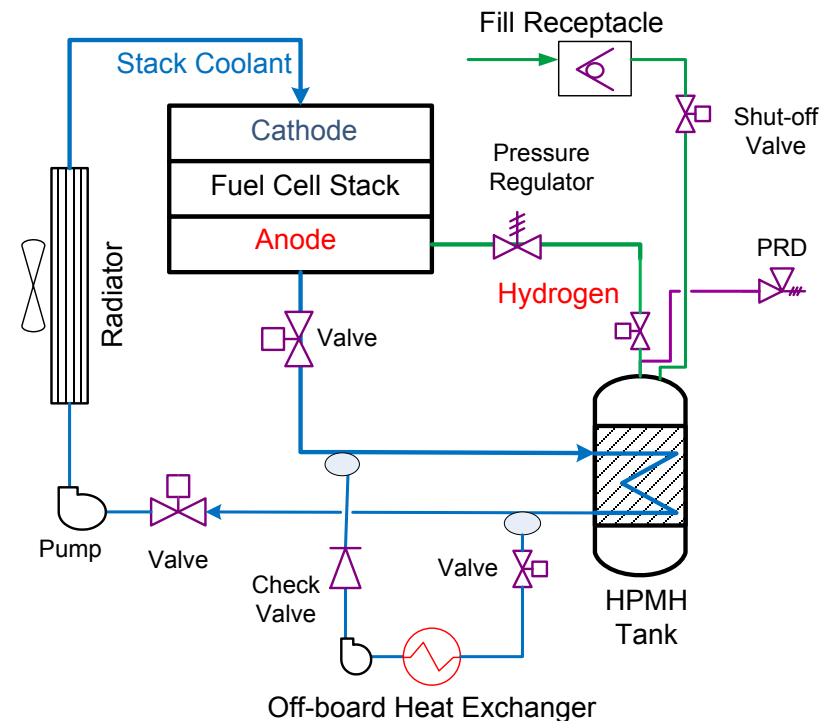
Defined as metal hydrides that are thermodynamically unstable at room temperature and pressure but can be formed at elevated pressures

- Particularly suitable for augmenting performance of compressed hydrogen storage tanks (See, e.g., Mori, Haraikawa, Kobayashi, Shinozawa, Matsunaga, Kubo, Toh, and Tsuzuki, "High-Pressure Metal Hydride* Tank for Fuel Cell Vehicles," IPHE International Hydrogen Storage Technology Conference, 19-22 June 2005, Luca Italy)

350-bar Type 4 Hybrid Storage Tank

- Performance improvement: Feasibility of reaching the volumetric capacity of the reference Type 4 700-bar CH_2 tank
- Cost reduction: Significantly reduce the carbon fiber content to less than needed in the reference system

Storage System	Compressed H_2		Hybrid
Storage Pressure	700 bar	350 bar	350 bar
Volumetric Capacity	24.4 g/L	17.7 g/L	24.6 g/L
Gravimetric Capacity	4.2 wt%	5.4 wt%	4.3 wt%
Carbon Fiber	97 kg	62 kg	51 kg

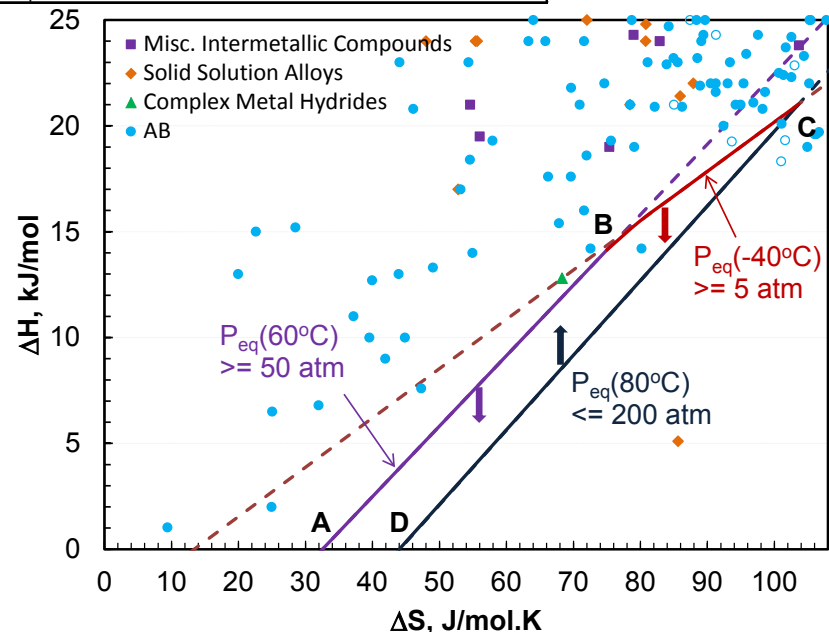


High Pressure Metal Hydrides: Thermodynamic Requirements

System Target	Approach	Material Requirement
Refuel at 350 bar (P_c)	Limit the temperature to 80°C (Type 4 liner)	For reasonable charge kinetics, desirable to have $\Delta P(P_c - P_{eq}) > 150$ bar The equilibrium pressure, $P_{eq}(80^\circ\text{C})$ should be less than 200 bar
Ability to start FC at -40°C	Maintain gaseous H_2 in tank at 40°C	Equilibrium pressure should be above the minimum delivery pressure at all temperatures. $P_{eq}(-40^\circ\text{C}) > 5$ bar
Discharge MH using stack coolant as the heat source	Stack coolant operating temperature varies between 60 and 90°C	MH should discharge at the lowest operating coolant temperature For reasonable discharge kinetics, desirable to have $\Delta P(P_{eq} - P_d) > 50$ bar $P_{eq}(60^\circ\text{C}) > 50$ bar

Solid lines define the acceptable HPMH thermodynamic map. For given ΔS , ΔH is limited by

- Boundary AB: Requirement to discharge MH using stack coolant at 60°C as heat source
- Boundary BC: Requirement to maintain tank pressure above 5 bar at -40°C
- Boundary CD: Requirement to maintain reasonable ΔP while refueling tank to 350 bar at 80°C



Solid symbols: Hydpark database;

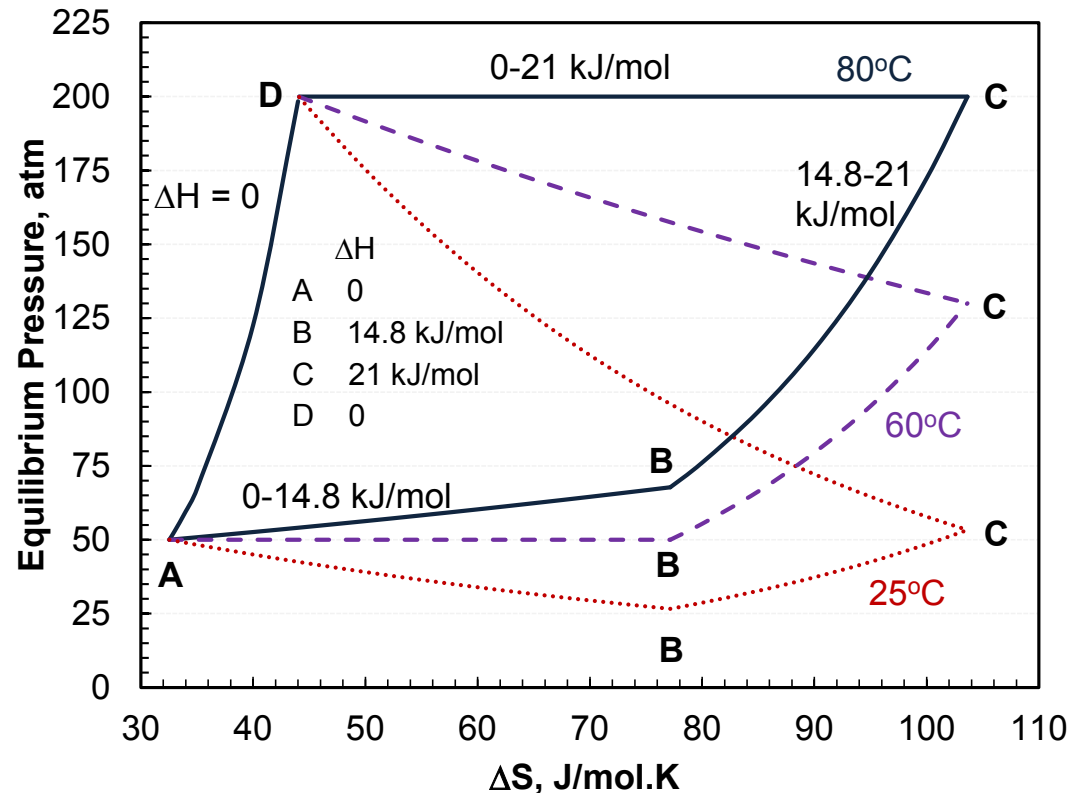
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AB5: CeNi_5 , 14.2 kJ/mol; AB2: $\text{Ti}_{1.2}\text{Cr}_{1.9}\text{Mn}_{0.1}$, 20.1 kJ/mol

High Pressure Metal Hydrides: Operating Pressures

Material ID	ΔH kJ/mol	ΔS J/mol.K	$P_{eq}(25^\circ\text{C})$ bar	$P_{eq}(60^\circ\text{C})$ bar	$P_{eq}(80^\circ\text{C})$ bar
A	0	33	50	50	50
B	14.8	77.2	26.6	50	67.8
C	21	103.6	53.3	130	150
D	0	44.1	200	200	200

- Material A charges if $P > 50$ bar and discharges if $P < 50$ bar
- Material B begins to charge after the tank is refueled to 67.8 bar at 80°C , and doesn't discharge until P drops below 26.6 bar at 25°C
- Material C begins to charge after the tank is refueled to 200 bar at 80°C , and doesn't discharge until P drops below 53.3 bar at 25°C
- Material D charges if $P > 200$ bar and discharges if $P < 200$ bar

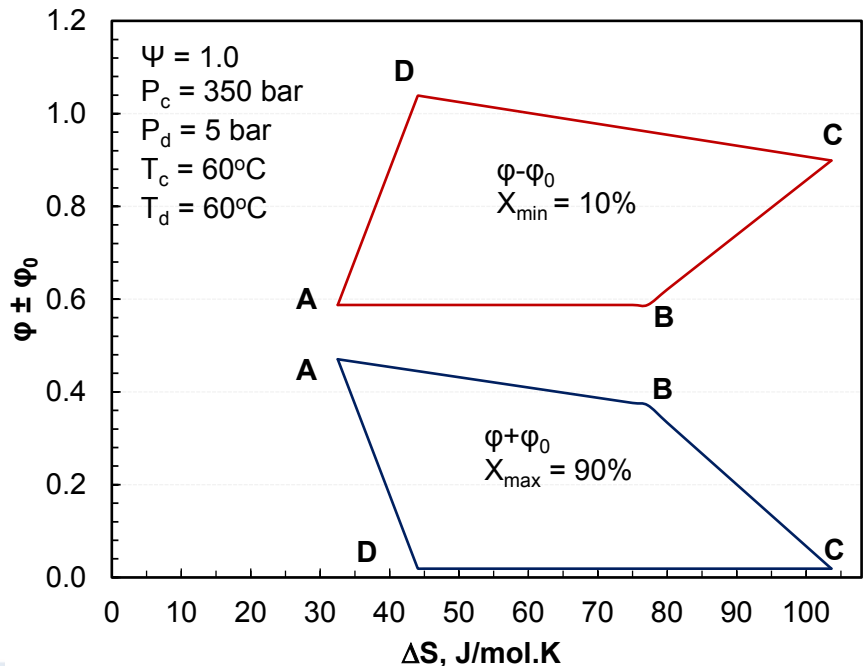
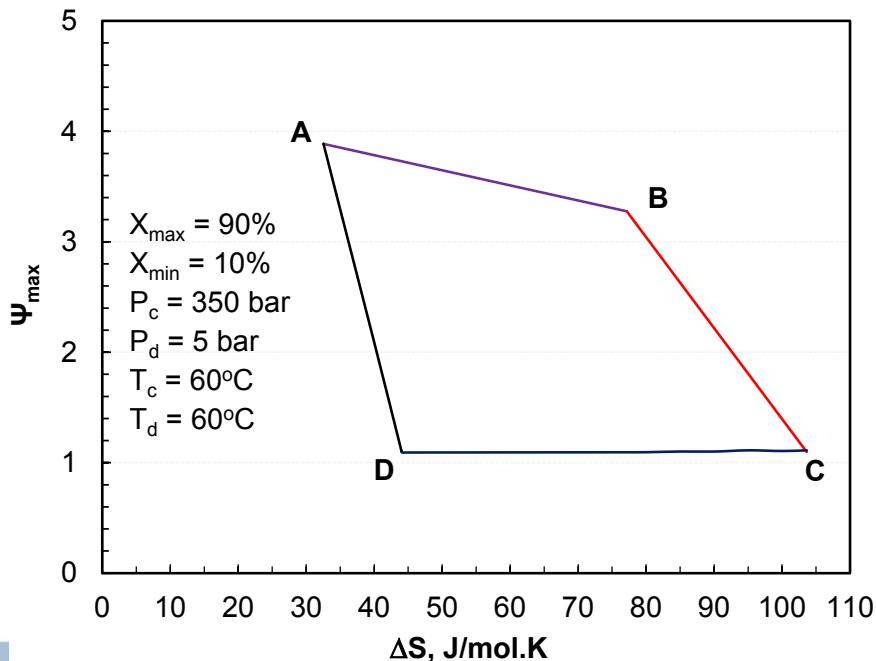
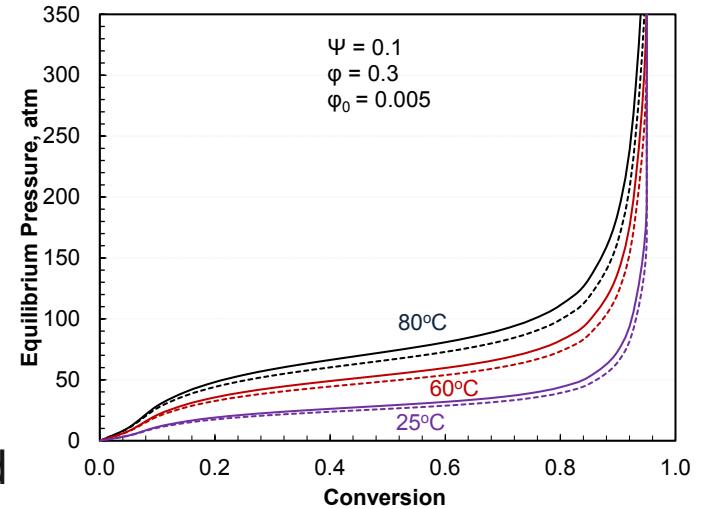


HPMH: Pressure-Composition-Temperature (PCT) Isotherms

- PCT isotherms* with hysteresis (Ψ) and sloping plateau pressure (φ, φ_0)

$$\ln(P_{eq}) = \frac{\Delta H}{RT} - \frac{\Delta S}{R} + (\varphi \pm \varphi_0) \tan\left[\pi \left(\frac{x}{x_0} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\right] \pm \frac{\Psi}{2}$$

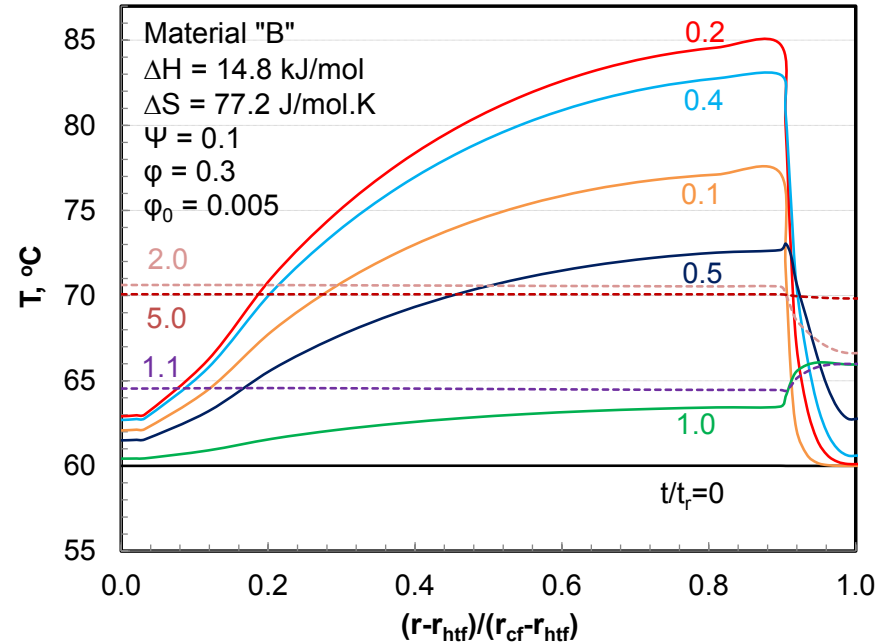
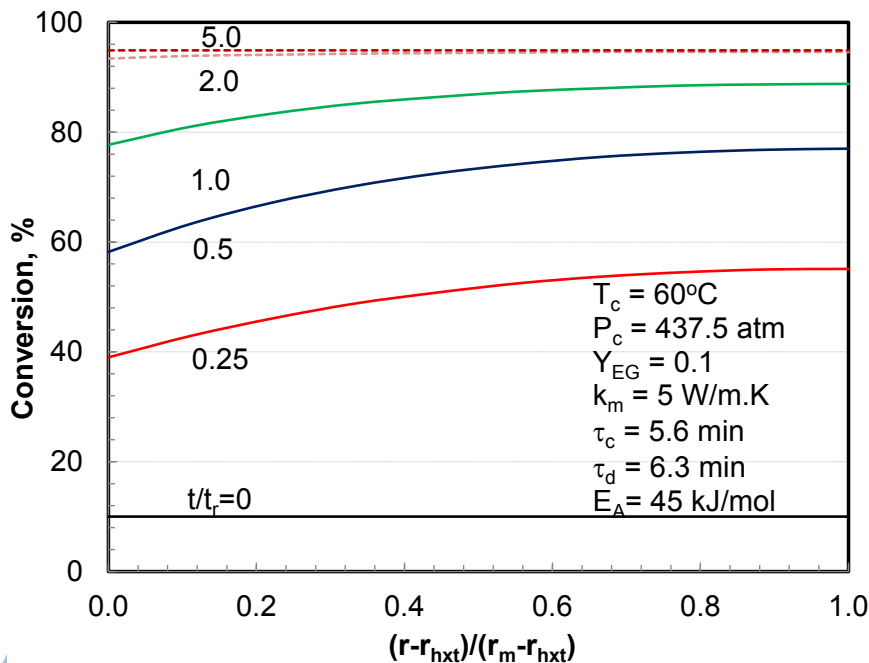
- Allowable hysteresis (Ψ) determined by the desired min. and max. conversion, operating P and T during charging and discharging, and material thermodynamic properties (ΔH and ΔS)
- Allowable plateau slope is determined by desired 90% conversion (X_{max}) during charging



*T Nishizaki, K. Miyamoto, and K. Yoshida, J. Less-Common Metals, 89 (1983) 559-566.

Dynamic Refueling of Hybrid Tank

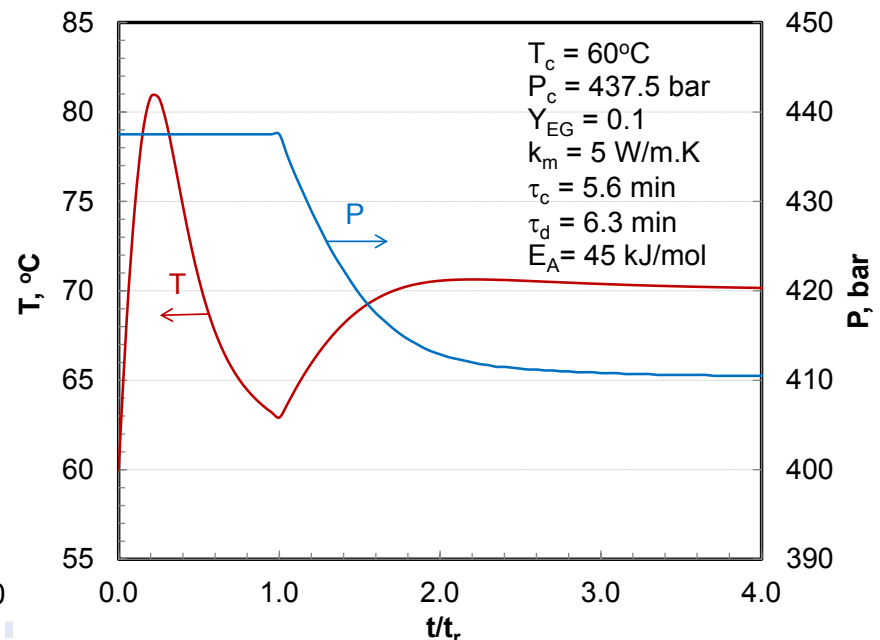
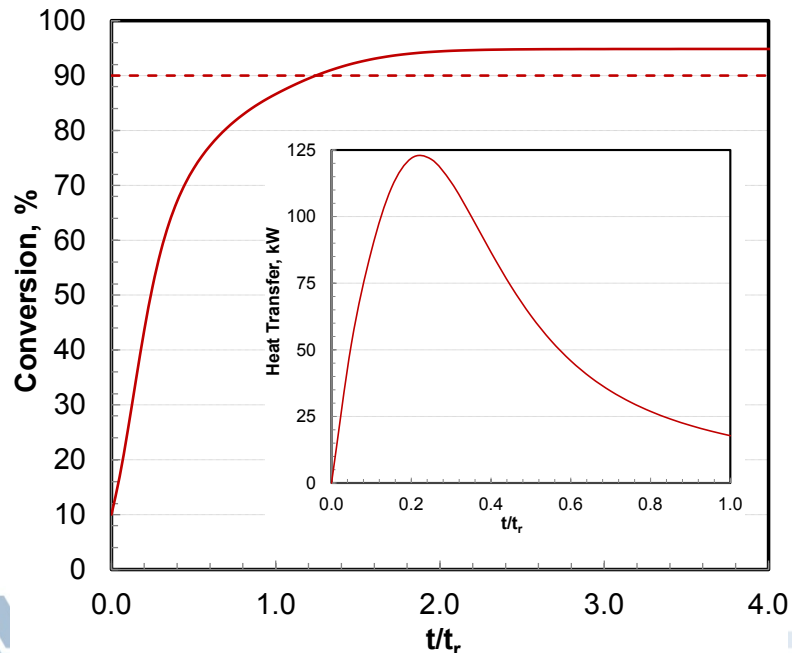
- Model considers a repeat unit of the metal hydride bed, representing heat transfer fluid ($\hat{r} = (r - r_{htf}) / (r_{cf} - r_{htf}) < 0$), heat exchanger tube ($\hat{r} < 0.1$), metal hydride and sintered metal tubes ($\hat{r} < 0.95$), HDPE liner ($\hat{r} < 0.97$), and carbon fiber ($\hat{r} < 1$).
- Constant pressure refueling at 1.5 kg/min average fill rate ($t_r = 224$ s).
- Conversion at outer periphery leads that at region around the heat exchanger tube
- **HPMH continues to absorb H_2 after the refueling event ($t/t_r = 1$) with conversion approaching the equilibrium limit at the prevailing pressure**



Dynamics of Refueling

Charging at constant pressure below the 25% threshold

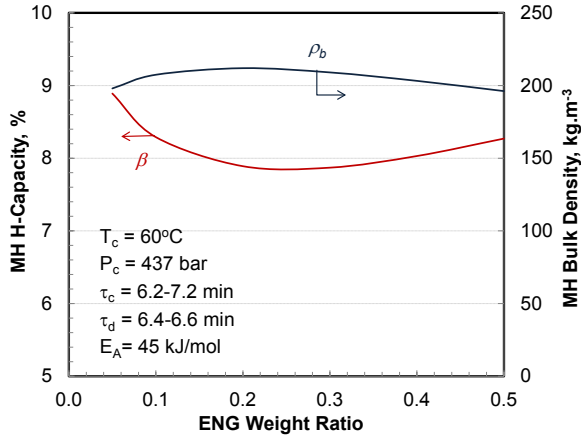
- Post refueling, the temperatures rises and the tank pressure declines as the HPMH continues to convert
- During refueling, HPMH first heats to reach a peak temperature and then cools because of heat transfer to the coolant
- For maximum capacity and HPMH utilization, refueling P selected such that the tank P relaxes to the design P (350 bar) after cooling to ambient temperature. This sets the lower refueling P limit. The upper refueling P limit is dictated by the SAE specified safety factor.
- **External cooling circuit required if the on-board radiator cannot handle 62 kW average heat load (80.4 MJ total)**



Sensitivity Study

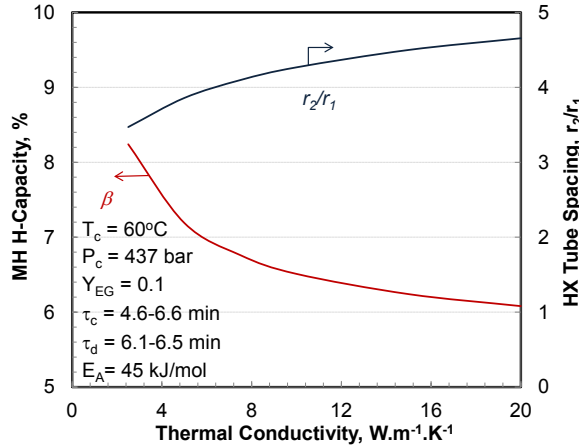
Randomly Mixed and Compacted HPMH and ENG

- 0.25 ENG/HPMH weight ratio about optimum



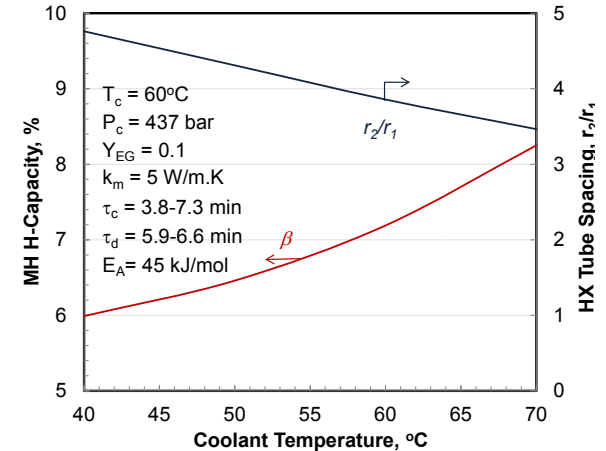
Layered and Compacted HPMH and 10% ENG

- $\beta < 6.5\%$ if $k_m > 10 \text{ W/m.K}$



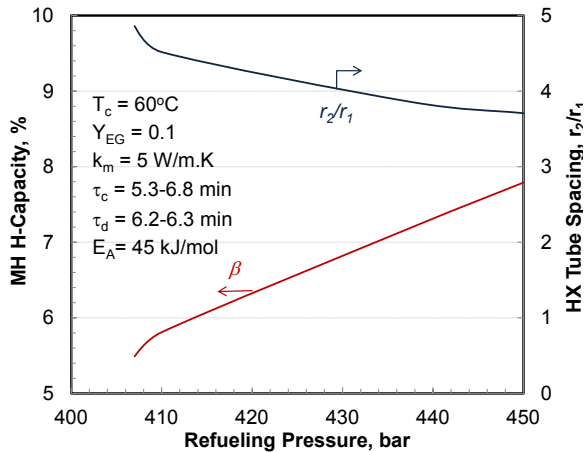
Coolant Temperature

- Tube spacing controlled by heat transfer, not charge kinetics



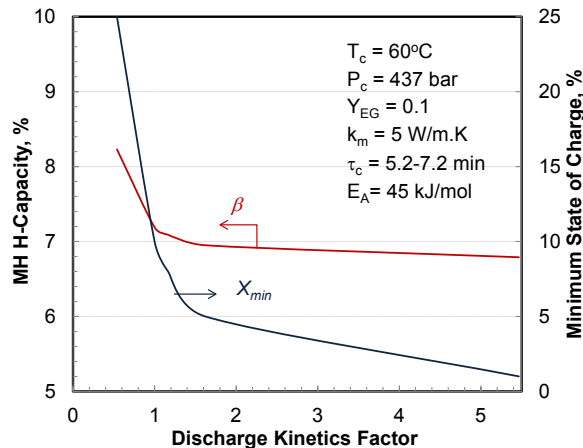
Refueling Pressure

- Best to refuel at lowest pressure that leads to 350 bar



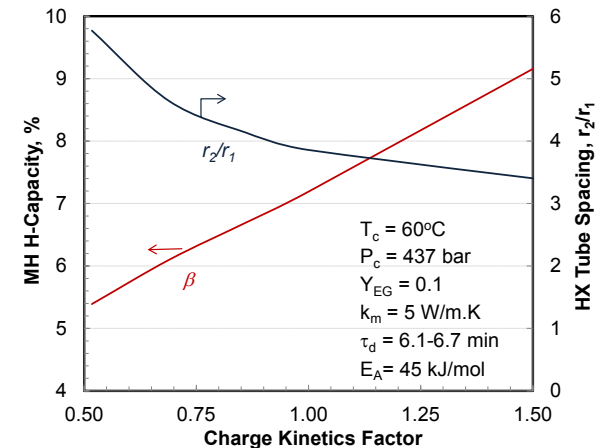
Discharge Kinetics

- Disadvantage of slower kinetics far outweighs the advantage of faster kinetics



Charge Kinetics

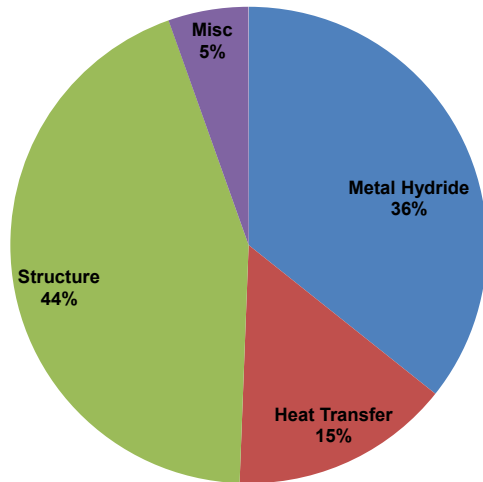
- 2X reduction in charge kinetics is acceptable because of the accompanying rise in bed T



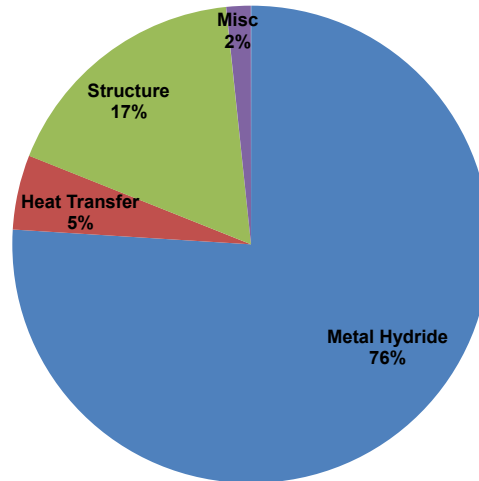
Summary: Desired HPMH Material Properties

Variables	Related Variables	Reference Values	Constraints
UMH Intrinsic Capacity		5.8% H capacity	4.3 wt% gravimetric
Fill Ratio	Bulk Density	80.6% bed porosity	24.6 g/L volumetric
	Thermal Conductivity	292 kg/m ³ HPMH bulk density	
		5 W/m.K bed conductivity	
Desorption Kinetics	$X_{\min} = 10\%$	$\tau_d = 6.2$ min	1.6 g/s min full flow
Sorption Kinetics	$X_{\max} = 93\%$	$\tau_c = 6.7$ min	X_{\min} to X_{\max} in 3.7 min
HX Tube Spacing	Number of HX Tubes	$r_2/r_1 = 4.5$	1.5 kg/min refueling
		58 U tubes	
Refueling Pressure	Storage Pressure	410 atm	350 bar design pressure
			25% overpressure limit
Mass of UMH	Mass of Expanded	46.5 kg HPMH	5.6 kg usable H ₂
	Natural Graphite	4.7 kg EG	3.4 kg as cH ₂
			2.5 kg H ₂ in HPMH

Weight Distribution



Volume Distribution



Heat Transfer: ENG + HTF + HXT; Structure: Liner + CF;
Misc.: BOP + SMT; Metal Hydride: HTMH + Pores + H₂

Acceptable Thermodynamic Map

- $\Delta H < 21$ kJ/mol, ΔS range depends on ΔH : 33-103.6 J/mol.K

Kinetic Requirements

- Material "B": $\Delta H = 14.8$ kJ/mol, $\Delta S = 77.2$ J/mol.K, $E_A = 45$ kJ/mol
- τ_d : Time to discharge HPMH from X_{\max} to X_{\min} at 60°C, 5 atm backpressure
- τ_c : Time to charge HPMH from X_{\min} to X_{\max} at 60°C, 410 bar backpressure

FY2016 Collaborations

Physical Storage	PNNL Team: 700-bar tank performance (ST101) Ford: Alternate tank design concepts
Metal Hydrides	ORNL: reverse engineering of high-pressure metal hydrides, acceptability envelope
Sorbents	Ford, LANL: Material properties of sorbents, reverse engineering, acceptability envelope
Chemical Hydrogen	LANL, PNNL: Material properties of chemical hydrogen storage materials, reverse engineering, acceptability envelope
Off-Board Fuel Cycle Efficiency	ANL (H2A Group), ANL (HDSAM)
Off-Board Cost	ANL (H2A Group), ANL (HDSAM)
On-Board Cost	Strategic Analysis Inc (SA)
SSAWG	DOE, HSECoE (LANL, PNNL, SRNL, UM), OEMs, Tank Manufactures, SA

- Argonne develops the storage system configuration, determines performance, identifies and sizes components, and provides this information to SA for manufacturing cost studies



Physical Storage

- Validate ABAQUS model against cryogenic burst test data for cold gas storage (PNNL collaboration)
- MultiMech/ABAQUS simulation of CF composite performance degradation due to void defects, fatigue performance due to crack initiation and growth (Materia/Spencer Composite collaboration)
- Validate impact damage model and calibrate fatigue model against room temperature tank data (PNNL/HL collaboration)
- Support on-going tank projects (graded CF structure, conformable design, improved composites, low-cost glass fibers)
- Independently identify potential of cryo-CH₂ systems in fleet applications (such as buses and waste trucks) with particular focus on dormancy

Material Based Storage

- Analyze system performance with compacted sorbents using HSECoE data for materials and prototypes
- Expand system analysis of hydrogen storage in high-pressure metal hydrides
- Wrap up validation of chemical hydrogen storage material and system models
- Provide system-level support to new projects on material discovery projects

Document models and publish papers in IJHE

Project Summary

Relevance:	Independent analysis to evaluate on-board and off-board performance of materials and systems
Approach:	Develop and validate physical, thermodynamic and kinetic models of processes in physical and material-based systems Address all aspects of on-board and off-board targets including capacities, rates and efficiencies
Progress:	Established new 2015 status performance metrics for 700-bar CH_2 storage tanks: 1.40 kWh/kg gravimetric capacity, 0.81 kWh/L volumetric capacity, 97 kg T700/resin composite. Potential to further reduce CF requirement: 5-7% with ALD and AWS, 20% with T720 CF/epoxy, 2-5% with GF in innermost layer Determined the ΔH vs. ΔS thermodynamic map for MHs to match performance of 700-bar storage system with 47% less CF Conducted reverse engineering to determine the HPMH H-capacity (5.8%) and charge/discharge kinetics for use in a 350-bar hybrid tank.
Collaborations:	SSAWG, HSECoE, Ford, LANL, PNNL, SA
Future Work:	Propose, analyze and validate methods of reducing cost of CF wound storage tanks Validate models for heat transfer and H_2 uptake models in compacted sorbents, high-pressure metal hydrides Provide system-level support to new material discovery projects

Reviewer Comments

Generally favorable reviews with the following comments/recommendations

- Physical storage and methods to reduce CF material and cost should be emphasized over validating HSECoE models that will not be implemented
- Experimental validation of the analyses conducted in this project is an important area that needs more emphasis
- Not clear what is meant by “determine favorable properties of unstable room-temperature metal hydrides”
- For future planned analysis on the tanks, continue to create models that are thorough

FY16 work scope consistent with above recommendations

- ✓ This year’s analysis of the alternate tank design concepts revealed opportunities to further reduce carbon fiber amount by 5 – 7%
- ✓ We work closely with experimental programs to validate our analyses (e.g., validation of ABAQUS model with PNNL tank data, sorbent models with HSECoE data for MOF-5 isotherms and thermal conductivity)
- ✓ In-depth analysis of high-pressure metal hydrides was presented in this year’s accomplishments.
- ✓ Our planned analysis on tanks will integrate ABAQUS with MultiMech for a two-way coupled multi-scale finite element analysis to evaluate composite performance due to void defects and failure/fatigue analysis.



Technical Back-Up Slides



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Presentations

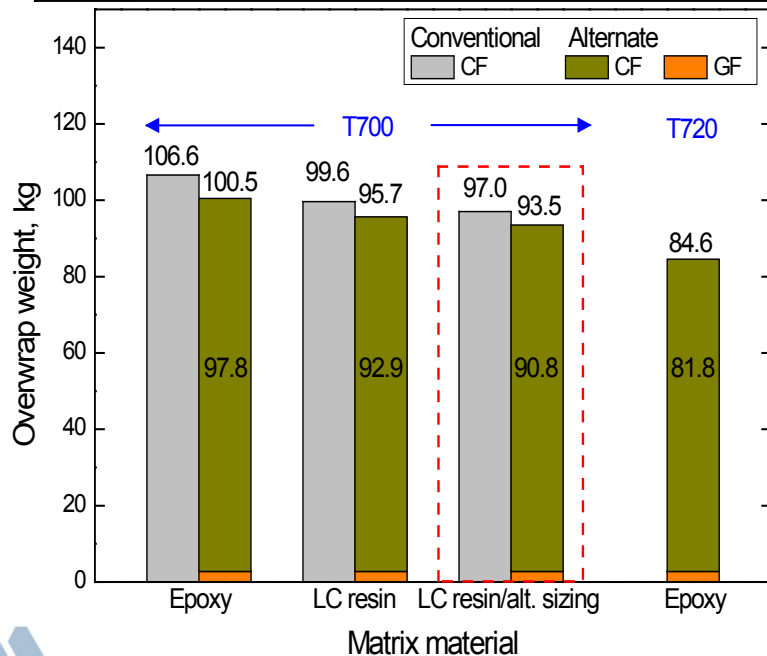
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Alternate Tank Designs with Glass Fiber Layer (147 L, L/D = 3)

Tank	Liner	Winding	Boss	GF Layer	Composite	Remarks
7	CONV	CONV	CONV	No	T700/epoxy resin	Reference tank in 2015 storage performance record
11A	ALG	AWS	ABD	Yes	T700/epoxy resin	Alternate reference tank design
8	CONV	CONV	CONV	No	T700/low-cost resin	2015 reference tank design with low-cost resin
12A	ALG	AWS	CONV	Yes	T700/low-cost resin	Alternate tank design with low-cost resin
9	CONV	CONV	CONV	No	T700/low-cost resin/alternate sizing	2015 reference tank design with low-cost resin and alternate sizing
13A	ALG	AWS	ABD	Yes	T700/low-cost resin/alternate sizing	Alternate tank design with low-cost resin and alternate sizing
14A	ALG	AWS	ABD	Yes	T720/epoxy resin	Alternate tank design with T720/epoxy composite



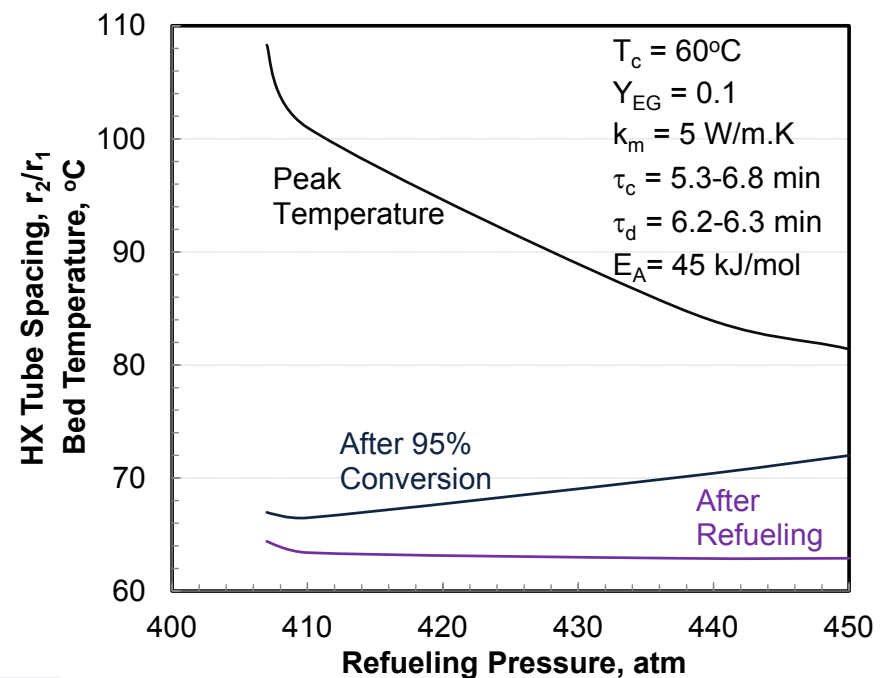
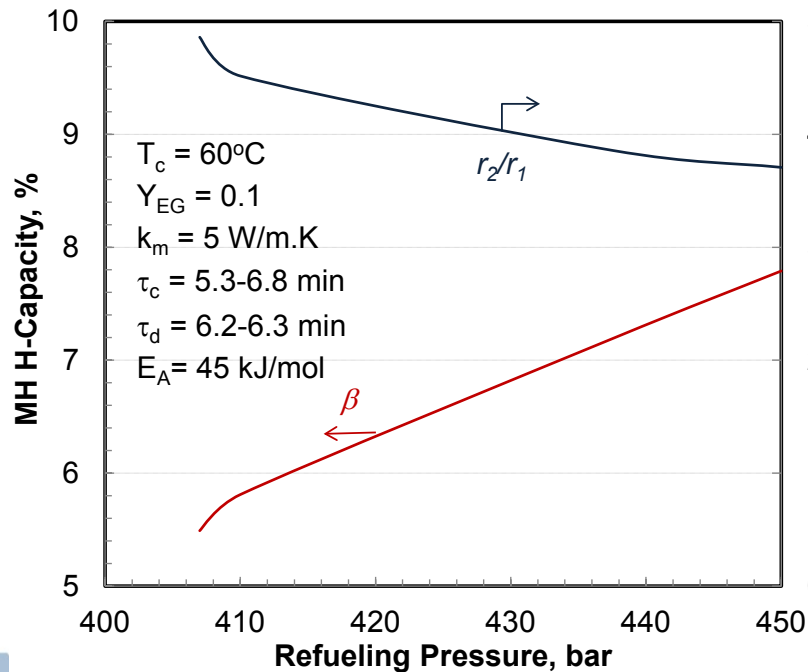
Potential CF reductions with alternate tank design and fiber and GF in innermost layer

- 8.3% in tanks reinforced with T700/epoxy resin
- 6.4% in tanks reinforced with T700/low-cost resin + alternate sizing
- 23.3% in tanks reinforced with T720/epoxy resin (vs. T700/epoxy resin)

Refueling Pressure

Best to refuel at lowest pressure that leads to 350 bar. This pressure is a function of the kinetic constants.

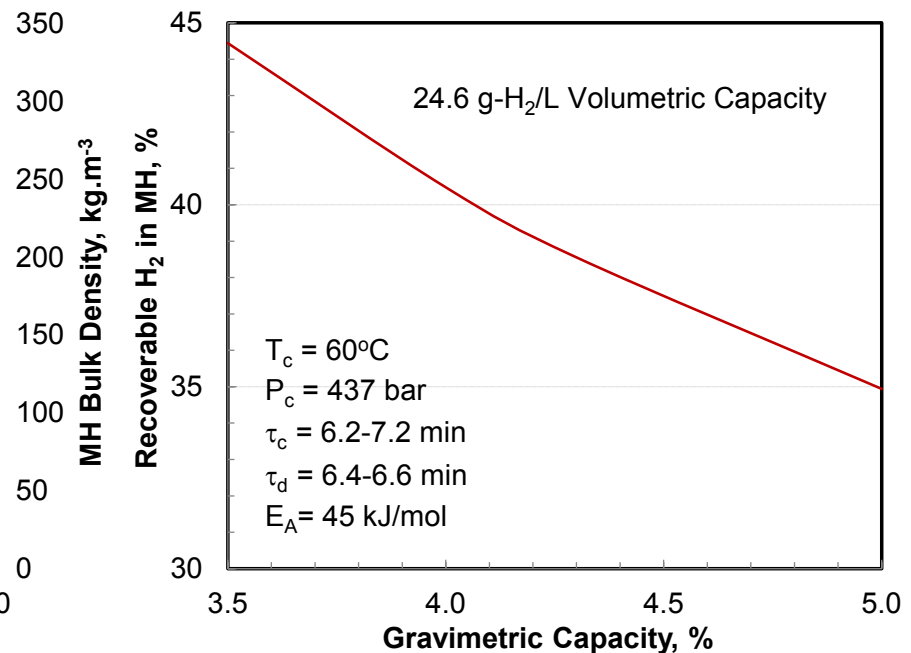
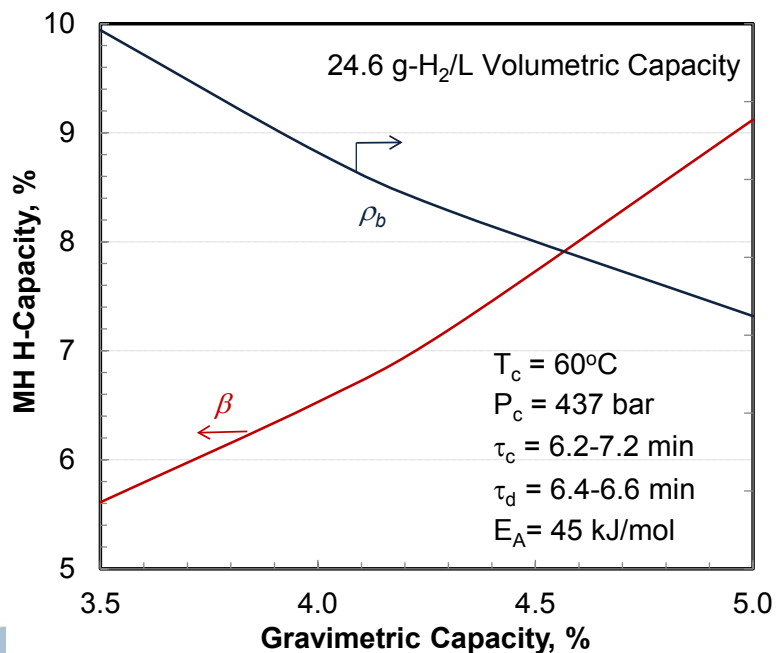
- The lower the refueling pressure, the higher the transient peak temperature during refueling, and the fewer is the number of heat transfer tubes.
- The optimum pressure may be limited by the allowable bed temperature for HDPE liner.



Single Variable Sensitivity Study: Gravimetric Capacity

Material H-capacity has to increase for higher gravimetric capacity, but the recoverable H₂ in metal hydride actually decreases because of lower bulk density (fixed volumetric capacity).

Storage System	Compressed H ₂	Hybrid
Storage Pressure	700 bar	350 bar
Volumetric Capacity	24.4 g/L	17.7 g/L
Gravimetric Capacity	4.2 wt%	5.4 wt%
Carbon Fiber	97 kg	62 kg



Single Variable Sensitivity Study: Volumetric Capacity

Only a small increase in material H-capacity is needed for higher volumetric capacity, but the recoverable H₂ in metal hydride increases significantly because of higher bulk density (fixed gravimetric capacity).

➤ External cooling may be required because the heat load during refueling is proportional to the amount of hydrogen stored in metal hydride.

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